

Robert Gerard Emerging Athlete Development Fund Incorporated

Background

The *Robert Gerard AO Emerging Athlete Development Fund Inc* (RGEADF) was originally established in May 2007. Its charter includes the provision of support to next generation elite athletes, particularly those competing at the Junior/ Under 23 World Championship / International level or equivalent. The program may typically award grants ranging from \$500 annually to successful applicants. Athletes at the senior level who have not yet consolidated their position on national teams along with athletes with significant financial challenges are encouraged to apply.

Guidelines for selection

- Priority will be given to potential world class athletes who compete in sports and disciplines contested in Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games and to applicants to assist with qualification events for these 3 major International competitions.
- Applicants must be an Australian citizen (or in the process of gaining citizenship) and permanently residing in South Australia unless otherwise approved by the selection committee.
- Applicants must be registered with the SA State Sporting Organisation that is affiliated with a National Sporting Organisation and is recognised by the Australian Sports Commission in sports that have good medal potential at the Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth games.
- The RGEADF will determine whether to award financial assistance and in such amount as it determines in its absolute discretion on a case by case basis. The decision of the RGEADF is final and no correspondence will be entertained regarding the processing or outcome of any application.

Application Process

Eligible athletes will need to follow the following process:

1. Complete the RGEADF application form on the SASI website in a timely manner ideally prior to the major event addressing the selection criteria.
2. Closing date for applications will be 30 June annually, although some applications may be considered out of session. Notifications of successful applications will occur within 4-6 weeks of closing date.
3. Successful athletes will receive financial support provided directly from the RGEADF.
4. Recipient athletes may be provided with opportunities for recognition through the activities of the SA Games Appeal.